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1. SUMMARY. GOU MADE CLEAR IN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT CONSIDERS SAN JOSE CONFERENCE COMPETENT ONLY TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO RIO TREATY. EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE CUBAN QUESTION WILL BE RESISTED AS OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF THIS MEETING. IF ARTICLE 17 IS AMENDED, GOU MAINTAINS FORMAL RATIFICATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO DISCUSSION LIFTING SANCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GOU ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE JULY 10 REGARDING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. THE COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:

" ON THE EVE OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES FOR THE REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA JULY 16, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSES THE FOLLOWING:

"(1) THIS MEETING HAS AS ITS EXCLUSIVE OBJECTIVE THE ADOPTION OF DECISIONS ON THE AMENDMENTS PRESENTED TO SAID TREATY; ADJUST AND COORDINATE THE TEXTS AND PREPARE THE PROTOCOL OF REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE AND ACCEDE TO IT.

"ALL OF THIS AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM BEGUN IN APRIL 1973.

"(2) WHATEVER OTHER MATTER WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT UP, THEREFORE, IS OUTSIDE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT BE A SUBJECT TO BE CONSIDERED.

"(3) THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTER-AMERICAN RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WHICH MAY BE ADOPTED IN SAN JOSE WILL COME INTO EFFECT WHEN THOSE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PROTOCOL AMENDMENT. UNTIL THEN THE AMENDMENTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A JURIDICAL BASIS FOR THE ADOPTION OF DECISIONS.

"(4) TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CHARACTER OF THE MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY HAS MADE UP ITS DELEGATION TO THIS EVENT WITH THOSE SPECIALISTS IN THE SUBJECT WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS STUDIES IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND PROPOSE MEASURES FOR RESTRUCTURING IT."

3. IN A BRIEF STATEMENT TO REPORTERS, FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO REPORTEDLY SAID "THE URUGUAYAN POSITION IS MADE UP OF VARIOUS POINTS. PRINCIPALLY WE MAINTAIN THAT THE MEETING IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA WAS CALLED TO CONSIDER A VERY PRECISE SUBJECT WHICH IS THE REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM OR, MORE CORRECTLY, OF THE TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE OF RIO DE JANEIRO. THEREFORE, THERE MUST ONLY BE ANALYZED THE PLANS AND DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE REFORMS AND THE INCLUSION OF ANY OTHER SUBJECT IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. THE MEETING HAS BEEN CONVOKED FOR A SUBJECT AND IT MUST BE CONFINED TO THAT." BLANCO ALSO SAID: "THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT WHAT IS AGREED TO IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, CONCERNING REFORM OF THE REFERRED TREATY, WILL ENTER INTO FORCE WHEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE OAS RATIFY THE REFORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATIFICATION PROCEDURES. THE DESIRE TO GIVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT TO WHATEVER RESOLUTION WITHOUT WAITING FOR RATIFICATION, WE BELIEVE HAS NO JURIFICAL VALIDITY." FINALLY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID THAT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MEETING WILL ONLY CONSIDER ASPECTS OF THE REFORM OF THE TREATY, THE

GOU WOULD ONLY SEND A DELEGATION TO ANALYZE THOSE SUBJECTS.

4. GOU HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT ITS DELEGATION WILL BE
HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO OAS MATEO MARQUES SERE. OTHER DELEGATES
REPORTED REF C ARE CONFIRMED, AS WELL.

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5. COMMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO INFORMED AMABSSADOR OF THE
ABOVE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE RELEASE. THE PETITION IS CONSISTENT
WITH URUGUAY'S ROLE UP TO NOW AND CONTAINS NO SURPRISES. BLANCO
WAS VERY STRONG IN EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT ANY MANEUVER DESIGNED
TO SUBSTITUTE FOR FORMAL RATIFICATION ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED
TREATY PROCUDURES WOULD NOT BE JURIDICIALLY CORRECT OR ACCEPTABLE
TO URUGUAY. WE CAN EXPECT, THEREFORE, STRONG OPPOSITION BY URUGUAY
TO THE KINDS OF "FREEDOM OF ACTION" DEVICES, ETC. WHICH ARE BEING
TALKED ABOUT TO DEAL IN SAN JOSE WITH THE SANCTIONS ISSUE.
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